WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An audio/video (A/V) component networking system, comprising:

a source component;

a presentation device; and

a sink component adapted to control presentation of A/V program data received from the source component on the presentation device, the sink component adapted to transmit a command to the source component to control display of an A/V menu data stream on the presentation device.

2.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to decode the A/V program data.

3.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to enable the user to access a menu interface associated with the source component.

4.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register the source component with the sink component.

5.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to transfer the A/V program data via a plurality of different types of communication networks.

6.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register a format of the A/V program data available from the source component with the sink component.

7.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the source component is at least one of the group consisting of a satellite receiver component, a digital versatile disk (DVD) component, a cable component, a computer, a video recorder component, and a compact disc (CD) component.

8.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register the presentation device with the sink component.

9.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to filter the A/V program data available from the source component based on a format of the A/V program data.

10.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to filter the A/V program data available from the source component based on a type of the presentation device coupled to the sink component.

11.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to control a menu function associated with the A/V program data.

12.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to access an A/V program data library of the source component.

13.   An audio/video (A/V) component networking method, comprising:

controlling, via a sink component, presentation of A/V program data received from a source component on a presentation device; and

controlling, via a command issued by the sink component to the source component, presentation of an A/V menu data stream on the presentation device.

14.   The method of Claim 13, further comprising performing a registration operation to register the source component with the sink component.

15.   The method of Claim 13, further comprising performing a registration operation to register a format of the A/V program data available from the source component with the sink component.

16.   The method of Claim 13, further comprising decoding the A/V program data received from the source component.

17. The method of Claim 13, wherein controlling, via a command issued by the sink component, comprises transmitting the command to at least one of the group consisting of a satellite receiver component, a digital versatile disk (DVD) component, a cable component, a computer, and a compact disc (CD) component.

18. The method of Claim 13, further comprising accessing a menu interface of the source component.

19. The method of Claim 13, further comprising displaying to a user a menu interface associated with the source component on the presentation device.

20. The method of Claim 13, further comprising filtering the A/V program displayed on the presentation device based on a format of the A/V program data.

21. The method of Claim 13, further comprising filtering the A/V program data displayed on the presentation device based on a type of the presentation device coupled to the sink component.

22. An audio/video (A/V) component networking system, comprising:
    means for controlling, via a sink component, presentation of A/V program data received from a source component on a presentation device; and
    means for controlling, via a command issued by the sink component to the source component, presentation of an A/V menu data stream received from the source component on the presentation device.

23. The system of Claim 22, further comprising means for accessing a menu interface of the source component via the sink component.

24. The system Claim 22, further comprising means for decoding the A/V program data received from the source component.

25. The system Claim 22, further comprising means for registering the source component with the sink component.

26.   The system of Claim 22, further comprising means for filtering the A/V program data displayed on the presentation device based on a type of presentation device coupled to the sink component.